

REMARKS

In response to the office action dated September 25, 2003, the claims are amended and submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Claims 1 and 2 are pending and stand rejected. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection as set forth in pages 2 and 3 of the office action. Applicant submits herewith an RCE and new claims 3-12 to continue prosecution in this application. New claims 3-12 are directed to a further aspect of the invention. New claims 3-12 are believed to be distinguished from the cited references.

The Examiner's early and favorable action is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,


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